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and lucid expression of the author's own views, whether approving or dissenting from received interpretation.

The publishers have presented the work in most attractive form.

Aside from the intrinsic value of these volumes, the lawyers of Virginia owe it to themselves and to their State pride, to say nothing of affectionate reverence for Mr. Tucker's memory, to add to their libraries this his last and best contribution to the cause of States Rights and principles of constitutional liberty.

CURIOSITIES OF LAW AND LAWYERS. By Croake James. New Edition, Greatly Enlarged. New York. Funk & Wagnalls Company. 1899.

While there is nothing on the title page to indicate that this volume is an English and not an American production, the fact is evident from every one of the more than seven hundred pages in the body of the book. The humor is intensely English, and most of it intensely dull. The book is largely made up of pointless anecdotes of long-dead English judges and lawyers, told with a tameness, the uniformity of which is the most striking curiosity to be found in the volume.

WIT AND HUMOR OF BENCH AND BAR. By Marshall Brown. Chicago. T. H. Flood & Co. 1899.

This volume is an excellent antidote for the condition in which Mr. Croake James' book has left the reviewer. It was a kind providence that so seasonably laid this work upon his table. We have here a collection of live anecdotes, bristling with genuine American humor, and told as by one who himself laughs in the recital of them. Many of these anecdotes have been in print before, and some of them are classic; but well known lawyers and judges of the present day figure prominently enough to give the whole volume a modern flavor. The collection is interspersed with apt sayings, spicy characterizations, bits of oratory, and such odds and ends as every lawyer likes to have in his scrap-book. The selections are made with excellent taste. The author's style is pleasing and the volume is on the whole most readable.

Those of our readers who are in need of a new supply of material for after-dinner speeches would do well to consult it.

A TREATISE ON CRIMINAL PLEADING AND PRACTICE. By Joseph Henry Beale, Jr., Professor of Law in Harvard University. Boston. Little, Brown & Company. 1899.

This volume is the latest addition to Messrs. Little, Brown & Company's well known Student's Series of text-books. The author's position as professor of criminal law and procedure in the Harvard Law School, *prima facie* entitles the work to the confidence of its readers. Nor will an examination of it disappoint such confidence. The fundamental principles of the subject are tersely but fully and accurately treated. The author's style is attractive, and his arrangement excellent. The "articulation," if we may so term it, is logical and minute, a feature of great aid to the student. Each main rule or principle is stated in black letter type, followed by the necessary explanatory and illustrative matter. One who has not had experience as a teacher, cannot appreciate the helpfulness to the student, of proper mechanical arrangement and presentation. Practitioners will find Prof. Beale's book an excellent compendium of its subject, and most convenient for getting at fundamental principles, accurately stated.